

## RUSSIANS THREATEN JAPAN

### BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON

By Rodney Dutcher

WASHINGTON.—"Slush fund" is no new campaign cry, but it will be yelled louder in the 1936 presidential campaign than ever before.

#### Capital Inflow to U.S. Offsets Gains in Our Importing

Balance of Trade Much Narrower, But Money Pours in Just the Same

10 BILLIONS GOLD

Capital, Frightened by Events in Europe, Returns to America

By FREDERICK GARDNER

Associated Press Correspondent  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Despite a great shrinkage in the surplus of exports over imports, the tide of international payments in 1935 swept strongly in favor of the United States. That was apparent in a record inflow of gold and silver.

Foreign trade generally benefited by broadening world industrial recovery. But the exchange "seesaw" was weighted by recurrent flights of capital from Europe, apprehensive over the ability of remaining gold bloc currencies to hold out.

The movement of "nervous money" was swelled by an influx of capital for investment in American securities, lured in part by renewed expansion in domestic industry and corporate earnings. War fears also appeared to have been one of the factors.

Gold Reserves Swell  
During the autumn crisis of the French franc and the strained European situation arising out of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict, this country's monetary gold stock soared toward the \$10,000,000,000 mark, nearly half the world's recorded gold reserves.

Net silver imports for ten months ended with October approximated \$230,000,000, while the excess of merchandise exports dwindled to \$96,707,000 compared with \$355,557,000 in the corresponding 1934 period. A sharp gain in imports, in face of little change in the dollar value of exports, cut the margin of exports over imports to the smallest in years.

Both silver purchases and the relatively modest exports surplus, however, were outweighed by the shift of capital and invisible items in the exchange scales, such as returns on investments.

Capital Inflow  
The department of commerce estimated that in the first six months there was a net inflow of \$560,000,000 in short-term funds, in addition to a net gain of \$60,000,000 on security transactions.

The arrival of more than \$800,000,000 in gold in the second half, aside from silver purchases, was accepted as evidence that the inward movement of capital continued with little interruption throughout the year.

Announcement of a trade agreement with Canada, the seventh in the series to be signed, was hailed widely as the longest step yet taken to unravel the network of trade restrictions.

Belgium finally joined England, the United States and other nations on the devaluation trail, but France and

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FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



Little brother thinks finishing a meal with dispatch means reading news dispatches at the table.

### Shadows of 4 Men Fall Across Path of Thelma Todd Mystery

#### Hoyden of Screen Proved Success in Business Career

She Started "Thelma's Sidewalk Cafe"—and She Put It Over

UNLIKELY SCANDAL

Miss Todd Almost the Last Person to Be Involved in Mystery

The Hollywood success story of Thelma Todd often has been told, but the public knows little of her life on the set and behind the screen. In two stories of which this is the second, Jeannette Meehan, of the NEA Service Hollywood staff, reveals the real Thelma as her close friends remember her, her pranks and her kindly deeds.

By JEANNETTE MEEHAN  
NEA Service Special Correspondent  
HOLLYWOOD.—Thelma Todd was about the last woman in Hollywood whom her friends would have expected to be involved in a "Find the man" mystery.

Yet until there is understanding of her relationships with Pasquale Di Cicco, Roland West, Harvey Priestner, and "a dark, foreign-looking man" as yet unidentified, the events leading up to her death bid fair to remain a mystery.

Di Cicco is her divorced husband. West is her business partner and former director. Priestner is a long-time friend. And the dark mystery man is, up to now, merely a shadow in a bit of testimony.

Thelma Todd was always one of the most popular girls in Hollywood. Ever since she came here she had been "rushed" constantly by most of the eligible males. But she was never vamps—she was the kind of girl about whom her men friends said, "Geef What a grand guy Thelma is!"

Married and Divorced  
There was many a disappointed young man in 1932 when Thelma married Pasquale Di Cicco in Prescott, Ariz., and came on to Hollywood for her honeymoon. She had always been the life of the party, just as she was at that last party at the Trocadero.

Di Cicco, a New York sportsman, dark and handsome, had met Miss Todd during a vacation in Los Angeles, and they were frequently seen together at sports events before their marriage. Di Cicco, son of a well-to-do Italian broccoli farmer on Long Island, had gone in for polo and then for minor parts and an actors' agency in Hollywood. He never took his bride to the broccoli ranch on Long Island to meet his family, explaining

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Unearthed Red Arms  
NANKING.—(AP)—Buried treasure means money in the bank for the country folk of interior China. Authorities of the once Communist-ridden province of Kiangse pay cash rewards for arms, ammunition and supplies cached by red armies in their five-year struggle against the government.



Thelma Todd and Pasquale Di Cicco before their divorce.

#### Hint New Romance in Todd Mystery

Girl Friend Tells Grand Jury What Thelma Confided to Her

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—A "marvelous" romance of Thelma Todd and an unnamed San Francisco business man was projected Monday night into the investigation of the comely film actress' mysterious death.

District Attorney Byron Fitts announced he had been told of the romance by Ida Lupino and Margaret Lindsay, actresses, who also related that Pasquale Di Cicco, Miss Todd's divorced husband, had two engagements with her in the week before she died.

Miss Lupino, host at a night club party attended by Miss Todd two days before her death, was found in her automobile. December 16, testified Monday before the grand jury which opened an investigation. Miss Lindsay also was a witness.

"Miss Todd asked me how my love life was coming along," Fitts quoted Miss Lupino. "I told her it was terrible, my hours at the studio were so long I had not been having any leisure time for romance."

"Then I asked her 'How's your love life coming along?'" Fitts quoted Miss Lupino. "I told her it was terrible, my hours at the studio were so long I had not been having any leisure time for romance."

"Just wonderful," she replied. "I'm having a marvelous romance with a San Francisco business man. He's just the grandest sort of a person." She didn't give his name.

"I believe Thelma was so gay and so happy at the party that night because she was so terribly in love," Miss Lupino continued. "She said to me: 'You know what gentlemen these San Francisco fellows are.' She and I had slipped away from the dance for a brief moment for a confidential chat. I just didn't think to ask her for the name of her new love."

Reid Police Strongbox  
BUENOS AIRES.—(AP)—The most sheepish policemen in this city of 2,500,000 are in the twenty-fifth precinct. Somebody burgled the safe in the precinct headquarters and took \$320.

World War Survives  
ISTANBUL.—(AP)—Turkey has discovered suddenly that she still is formally at war with the smallest republic in Europe.

A Turkish citizen was refused entry to San Marino because, it was stated, he is a subject of a belligerent power.

In World war days San Marino, a republic of 32 square miles in central Italy, declared war on Turkey simultaneously with Italy.

When peace treaties were negotiated San Marino was overlooked.

### Church Bells Ring as Pilgrims Pray Vainly for Peace

Thousands of Worshippers Pour Into Sacred Town of Bethlehem

THERE'S NO PEACE

Catholic Pope Speaks Gloomily to Audience of 34 Cardinals

BETHLEHEM, Palestine.—(Copyright Associated Press)—The prayer of Christian pilgrims for an end to the Italo-Ethiopian war was mingled Tuesday with the pealing of bells hailing anew the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Throughout the day thousands of worshippers from many lands poured into Bethlehem to celebrate Christmas Eve in this little market town where 2,000 years ago the Magi found the new-born Jesus in a manger.

Slight Hope for Peace  
VATICAN CITY, Rome, Italy.—(AP)—Pope Pius sadly admitted Tuesday that his hope for a Christmas of peace would not be fulfilled.

He told 34 cardinals who brought him Christmas greetings: "These are moments darkened by melancholy, menacing clouds, and human bloodshed."

#### Stones Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Golden Wedding Day Observed in McCaskill Sunday, December 22

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Stone of McCaskill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 22, at their home in McCaskill. Many relatives and friends participated in the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone are parents of three sons, Sidney, Dewey and Oscar Stone, all of McCaskill.

Relatives present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stone and family, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Stone and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stone and son, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stone and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stone and children, Mrs. Pauline Tyler and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stone, Mrs. Wendell Stone and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Daley Hampton and children, Mrs. Bertha Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eley, Walter Eley, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sutton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sutton and children and Winford Pickett.

#### Italians Win in Mountain Battle

600 Ethiopians Killed, 1,000 Wounded in Rocky Tembein Region

LONDON, Eng.—(AP)—Great Britain pursued its policy of preparedness in the Italo-Ethiopian conflict Tuesday.

"Authoritative sources disclosed after the conclusion of 'satisfactory' conversations between the British and French general military and naval staffs that similar contacts are being made in other important capitals."

Italians Win  
ASMARA, Eritrea.—(AP)—Death of more than 600 Ethiopians and the wounding of 1,000 more was reported by the Italian high command Monday night as a result of Sunday's fighting in the Tembein mountain region which ended with an Ethiopian flight up the Tongua valley.

An official statement said that only five white Italian officers were killed and three officers and 100 native troops wounded, although the Italians were pitted against 5,000 enemy warriors entrenched on a mountain ridge behind the town of Mariam Quarar.

The main body of Ethiopians, holding the ridge back of a Copic church and a collection of mud huts forming the town, were commanded by Degue Ailu Chebbede, an uncle of the traitorous Ras Gugsa.

Reinforcements were coming up when the Ethiopians attempted to turn the Italian flank. The heavy Ethiopian losses resulted from an "exceptional" Italian aerial bombardment, the statement said.

A squadron of planes machine gunned the defenders, returning time after time to the spectacular attack.

Meanwhile, Italian troops climbed the precipitous slopes, from bush to bush and rock to rock, to engage the Ethiopians. The tribesmen concentrated their fire on the white officers, the high command said.

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#### Star Suspends for Christmas Holidays

There will be no city edition of The Star Wednesday afternoon and no rural edition Thursday morning, the newspaper suspending in all departments for the Christmas holiday. General lines of business in Hope will close down all day Wednesday. The newspaper observes three holidays in the year, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

#### Tyronza Bank Held Up; \$15,000 Taken

Accessory Suspect Taken, Search Pressed for Lone Actual Robber

TYRONZA, Ark.—(AP)—The robbery of the Bank of Tyronza of approximately \$15,000 by a lone bandit late Monday, was disclosed by officers Tuesday as they made one arrest on suspicion of accessory, and pressed the search for the man who actually staged the holdup.

The robbery was accomplished quietly when the bandit forced an entrance through the rear of the bank and "covered" Cashier J. L. Dean, who was working on the bank books.

#### Congress to Dodge Vote on Townsend

Committee Probably Will Refuse to Report Bill to House

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A strategy of avoiding a vote on the increasingly acute issue of Townsend old age pension plan was indicated for the coming session Monday by the Democratic leadership of the house.

Representative Bankhead, Alabama, majority floor leader, returned to the capital and predicted the session would end without a ballot on the subject.

"Why?" he was asked. Bankhead, "It's my guess," said Bankhead, "that the committee in charge of the question will not report it."

At headquarters of the Townsend organization here, inquiries were referred to Dr. Townsend and his immediate lieutenants in Los Angeles for reaction to Bankhead's statement. There were indications of an impending effort to get the issue to the floor by petition.

Without the help of the majority leadership, this is practically the only way that any issue may be brought up for debate and a vote. The petition must carry 218 signatures, a majority of the membership.

#### Stock Market at a Four-Year Peak

Bullish Forces Lead Equity Stocks to Best Marks in Years

By VICTOR EUBANK  
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Bullish forces took command of the stock market in 1935 and led formerly wavering equities into new high territory for the past four years.

The principal buying motivators appeared to be: historically low money rates and a growing volume of idle funds in the country seeking employment; a resumption of public demand for goods of all categories; huge Government spending on relief and public works programs; the mounting of excess bank reserves to a record peak; expansion of the country's gold stocks to above the \$10,000,000,000 mark; unsettled conditions abroad which brought speculative and investment cash to the United States; lessening of apprehension over legislative developments, and some fresh inclination to hedge against possible inflation.

Call Money Slumps  
Erratic price movements spotted the market in early months of the year but, as the first quarter neared its close, demand arrived for a wide assortment of industrial stocks.

The advance occurred in the face of lagging rails. The utilities joined the forward trek after almost 19 months of steady decline.

The power shares breasted the campaign for lower rates and the passage by congress of the much disputed holding company bill.

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After holding at 1 per cent for 16 months, call money was cut to 3/4 of 1

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### Republic of Soviet Increases Its Sub Fleet Four Times

Moscow's Undersea Power Directed at Both Japan and Germany

ANSWER TO TOKYO

Russian Statement Timed With Jap Thrust Against Outer Mongolia

MOSCOW, Russia.—(AP)—The Soviet Union in a thinly-disguised warning to Germany and Japan, announced Tuesday that its submarine and destroyer fleets had been made four times their former size in the last four years.

The whole statement bristled with emphasis on Russia's undersea power in the Pacific and Baltic, and appeared to foreign observers to be particularly significant—coming, as it did, on the heels of the alleged threat by Japan and Manchukuo to invade Outer Mongolia.

Ask Apology of Japs  
MOSCOW, Russia.—(AP)—The government of Outer Mongolia, press dispatches from Ulan Bator said Monday, has taken a firm stand in the face of an alleged threat of a Japanese-Manchukuoan invasion, telegraphing a preemptory demand to Manchukuo for an apology because of a border clash last week in which five Mongolian soldiers were killed.

The Mongolian government, which has strong relations with Soviet Russia, warned that it imposed entire responsibility for such "raids" on "Manchukuo and the government of Japan, whose troops took a direct and active part in the raid."

Mongolia also demanded the immediate return of 11 soldiers who, it declared, had been carried away as prisoners. The protest called for the "Severe" punishment of persons who organized the border raid which, the Mongolians contended, led to the clash.

"The Mongolian Peoples Republic considers it its duty to warn 'Manchukuo,' the note continued, "of the serious consequences that could come from any further such attempt."

Chinese Students Revolt  
SHANGHAI, China.—(AP)—After issuing a manifesto urging war on Japan, Chinese students took possession of Shanghai's huge railroad terminal through a coup early Tuesday.

Numbering more than 1,000, the students demand free transportation to the capital at Nanking. There they propose to protest against the North China autonomy movement before authorities of the national government.

The great North station, scene of the fiercest fighting of the 1932 hostilities with Japan, swarmed with police. Although officers were hurriedly called out, no effort had been made to eject the students forcibly.

Leaders of the demonstrators refused orders of authorities to leave the trains. The students entered the trains Monday afternoon, carrying food sufficient for several days.

A dispatch from Hankow said that 6,000 students paraded there in a demonstration against Japan, disregarding a warning of Japanese consular officials against the gathering.

Reports from Peking, Nanking and Hsinking, capital of Manchukuo, indicate the Japanese army has granted a "breathing spell" to China in the Northern autonomy movement.

Japanese officials, it was believed in high quarters in Peking, have agreed to relax pressure on the new political council of Hopeh and Chahar provinces in order to give it a chance to live up to its promises of co-operation.

#### Down 1,000 Feet on Fitzwater Test

Drillers Expect to Pick Up First Oil Showing Last of Week

At the present rate of progress operations said they expected to reach a showing of oil sand by the latter part of the week. The old Martin test showed oil sand at a depth of a little over 2,000 feet.

Mr. Fitzwater, driller, brought in the discovery well in the Miller county field.

Drillers at the Fitzwater oil test on the Darwin and Moore acreage block, 10 miles south of Hope, were down below 1,000 feet Tuesday.

The test is being made on the A. J. Lafferty land, 150 feet south of the hole bored by F. W. Martin & Co. which was abandoned after much difficulty was encountered.

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Asks 25 Years Service  
ANKARA.—(AP)—Turks both naturalized and native citizens, are liable to military service for 25 years, between the ages of 20 and 46, under a law recently passed by the national assembly.







# Society

Mrs. Sid Henry Telephone 321

## On Top Of a Christmas Box

Mary, Mary, will you get up  
And open your Christmas box  
And drink your coffee from this cup  
Of pink and hollyhocks?  
Here is a book for an idle hour,  
Poetry and prose;  
Here is the scent of lavender flower,  
With kernels lying close,  
Also for the stomach's sake  
In harmless dissipation,  
A spiced and spirited fruit cake  
To sweeten your collation;  
Souvenirs from shops of the world,  
A Lilliputian bracket,  
Orange essence and tea leaves curled  
In a real rice paper bracket,  
I long to send a wreath of gold  
With a silver turtle dove,  
But, lacking these, will you have  
and hold  
My loyalty and love.  
This epistle is quite too long  
To read by the Christmas tree,  
More brilliant than a foolish song  
Sung by a fool like me.  
So, silencing the fiddle, dear,  
Before the day is done,  
I pray the prayer of every year:  
God bless us everyone.—Selected.

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Airmail Hosiery—ringless chifons in Individual Xmas Box... \$1.00  
Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets... 50c to \$6.75  
King's Candy in Christmas Packages... 5c to \$5.00  
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have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Grover McEachin of Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith left Monday for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends in Siloam Springs.

Mrs. A. C. Moreland is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Louisiana points.

Miss Marie Black of the Mineral Springs public school faculty is spending the Christmas vacation visiting with home folks.

Hendrix Spraggins of Magnolia A. & M. college arrived Friday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spraggins.

John Williams of Dallas, Texas, is the holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Williams.

Mrs. Fanny Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Kline Snyder will have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett of Little Rock.

Among the many delightful Christmas celebrations will be the observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cornelius, who began celebrating Tuesday with a family house party including Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Park and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cornelius of McKamie.

Christmas day the family dinner will be held at the Otis Park country home near Fulton, where Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius will have the pleasure of being greeted by all their children, grandchildren and one great grandchild. Out of town guests attending, other than the above, will be Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Simmons of Texarkana, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hendrix of Idabel, Miss Pauline Park of the Lewisville Public School faculty and Dr. Hugh Hyman of Henderson State Teachers college, Arkadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius will be at home in Fulton to callers and friends Christmas afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eddington of Hope announce the birth of a daughter, born Sunday night at their home, 323 South Walnut street.

Rev. Fred R. Harrison left Tuesday for Jonesboro where he will join Mrs. Harrison for a holiday visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Young, Friday. Rev. and Mrs. Harrison will attend a church meeting in Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Weisenberger and daughter Frances, of Marshall, arrived Saturday night to spend Christmas vacation week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Weisenberger, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weisenberger, of Scott City, Kan., arrived Sunday night for a Christmas holiday with home folks.

Christmastide, the trails end of the old year with its memories of old days and friends is here again... May it be a day of joy and gladness and may the coming year greet you with increasing success and happiness.

John Wimberly of Atlanta, Ga., is the holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wimberly and other home folks.

Mrs. R. M. Briant and Mrs. O. A. Graves will leave Thursday via motor for a stay in San Antonio, Texas. They will be joined later by Mr. Briant.

Miss Maggie Bell, and the Ike T. Bells will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Houston will

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**Stock Market On**  
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per cent. It was later raised to 3 1/2 per cent, not because of an increased demand for funds, but because the banks decided it did not pay them to service loans at the lower rate.

With marginal requirements pushed to an extremely high point by the securities and exchange commission, cash buying was one of the features of the extended rise in stocks which began in March and continued, with few interruptions, throughout the succeeding months.

Index Rises 60 Per Cent  
The start of Italy-Ethiopian hostilities in October came as a mild shocker, but proved only a brief deterrent. The market also shivered again when an Anglo-Italian crisis threatened over sanctions proposed by the League of Nations to stop the war in Africa.

Carrier shares backed and filled rather indefinitely before the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the St. Louis Southwestern filed for reorganization and the Nickel Plate and Denver & Rio Grande Western announced deferment of interest charges. Later gains in car loadings and an upturn in net operating incomes of a number of the roads brought friendlier

attention to this group.

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But after two years a sober-faced Thelma Todd appeared in court, answered briefly a few questions about her charge that Di Cicco was "surely and unpleasant" in the presence of guests, and received her divorce.

In the meantime, she had made a venture into serious drama under the sponsorship of Roland West, a former actor, a writer, and a producer.

For this play, "Corsair," she changed her name to Allison Loyd, a factual name made up by numerology from the names of associates in the venture. Allison was the name attached to a great sheaf of flowers sent to her funeral.

Goes Back to Comedy  
But her public practically demanded that Thelma go back to comedy and become Thelma Todd again, and she did.

Contrary to the hoydenish parts she played in these slapstick affairs, Thelma loved grandeur and elegance, and was a most fastidious person.

The appointments of her home were very elaborate, including a vast bed room.

But there was a practical streak in Thelma and a business head. A year ago, in partnership with West as a financial backer, she opened "Thelma

**CLUB NOTES**

**Old Liberty**  
The Old Liberty home demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Pardue Monday afternoon, December 16. The house was called to order by the president, Mrs. Joe Hicks gave a very beautiful devotional telling of the birth of the Christ child.

The club enjoyed a Christmas program. The home was beautifully decorated and we had a Christmas tree. Each member registered as she came in. Names were drawn later and each member placed the name she drew on the gift she brought. They were then placed on the tree. When they were opened each one was anxious to see what the other one received.

Miss Griffin gave a very interesting and useful demonstration on pin wheel cookies.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The club then adjourned until next meeting day when we will meet at the home of Mrs. Joe Hicks.

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The cafe proved popular, being on the ocean-front on the road between Hollywood and Mulhally Beach. Next year they had planned to add a "high hat cafe" on the top floor with sky-high prices of \$7.50 a plate and fancy cocktails running as high as \$2.50.

Both she and West had separate apartments adjoining the cafe.

Priester, an insurance man with many clients among film folk, had been friendly with Miss Todd for eight years, and at one time had been rumored engaged to her.

It was he who testified that he believed that rumors of a reconciliation between Thelma and her former husband, Di Cicco, were false, and that the presence of all three at the Trocadero party was merely coincidence.

Di Cicco had often told his family after the divorce that Thelma wished to patch it up. To his family on Long Island, Di Cicco had returned by plane the day after his former wife was found dead.

## All-Amateur Card Seen at Fair Park

**Professional Grapplers Fail to Show Up Here Monday Night**

An all-amateur wrestling program was held Monday night at Fair park when the scheduled exhibition of two professional grapplers was cancelled because of their failure to arrive here.

Featuring the amateur program was a wrestling match between J. W. Harper and Doc Zimmerman. The bout ended in a draw.

A good-sized crowd turned out for the show. There was no admission charge.

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Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The club then adjourned until next meeting day when we will meet at the home of Mrs. Joe Hicks.

**Stock Market On**  
(Continued from page one)

The cafe proved popular, being on the ocean-front on the road between Hollywood and Mulhally Beach. Next year they had planned to add a "high hat cafe" on the top floor with sky-high prices of \$7.50 a plate and fancy cocktails running as high as \$2.50.

Both she and West had separate apartments adjoining the cafe.

Priester, an insurance man with many clients among film folk, had been friendly with Miss Todd for eight years, and at one time had been rumored engaged to her.

It was he who testified that he believed that rumors of a reconciliation between Thelma and her former husband, Di Cicco, were false, and that the presence of all three at the Trocadero party was merely coincidence.

Di Cicco had often told his family after the divorce that Thelma wished to patch it up. To his family on Long Island, Di Cicco had returned by plane the day after his former wife was found dead.

**Mystery Man Enters**  
As to the "dark, foreign-looking man" reported to have been seen by the estranged wife of West (Jewel Carmen) with Miss Todd hours after the time first fixed as that of her death, nothing is known of him.

This shadowy figure dovetails with the telephone call Mrs. Wallace Ford insists she received from Thelma, saying, "You'll die when you see who I'm bringing to your party."

During the weeks just prior to her death, Thelma had been dieting and reducing, though she disliked both. But she was frequently seen, as usual, sitting at the wheel of an expensive open phaeton, her blond hair blowing in the wind, her hand raised in greeting to passing friends.

She loved fine cars and speed as much as she loved pretty clothes.

**Big Hearted to End**  
Miss Todd had also finished her



"Tallant"

Christmas shopping. The packages were all stacked against one wall of her apartment, scores and scores of them. Thelma never forgot. She slipped about the studio finding out what people really wanted. Then she got these things for them. This year she had done it again, and the packages stand there, silent witnesses of a girl's big heart.

The morning after Thelma Todd died, her friends found cheerful messages in their mail boxes which read, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You—Thelma Todd."

And the Christmas glee of Miss Todd's apartment was found "Gallant," the adoring-eyed spaniel who was her pet and her constant pal, his big eyes sadder than ever.

**THE END**

## Farm Items Lead Price Increases

**Hogs, Cattle, Hides in Vanguard of March to Higher Levels**

By A. A. PATTON  
Associated Press Correspondent

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Paced by farm products, commodity prices ran up this year to the highest level since mid-1930.

Important factors influencing the trend included expanding domestic business, hopes and fears revolving about the AAA, uncertain whether in the spring, and a pick-up in world trade climaxed by the Italy-Ethiopian war demands.

After swinging widely in the first half, prices moved ahead during the third quarter and remained relatively stable in the final period.

**Hogs Lead**  
Spectacular percentage gains registered among the commodities, include hogs, up 58 per cent; cattle up 47; sugar up 22; hides up 59; lead up 36; and silk up 50.

Cotton was dominated by government loan policies in its major moves, fluctuating sharply. In the closing weeks of the year, cotton prices were moderately under the level of a year ago.

Wheat plunged from a late April peak as the result of reports of larger world crops, and the change coincided with the overturn of the NRA. The 37 per cent rise during September and October came with lower crop estimates by important world producers and the beginning of hostilities in Ethiopia.

Gold production in 1935 was maintained at the highest level of any recorded year with the U. S. price unchanged at \$35 an ounce.

**Silver Reaches Top**  
After a period of speculation early in the year, silver had risen to 81 cents an ounce by April, the highest price in 15 years and a jump of more

We extend our hearty greetings for a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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**Does Your Roof Leak?**  
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## Turkey Wants to Fortify Dardanelle

**This Is Her Demand in Exchange for Pact Against Italy**

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PARIS, France.—Turkey was said here Monday night to be seeking France's consent to fortification of the Dardanelles in preparation for a mutual assistance pact against any Italian attack.

Monday's visit to Premier Pierre Laval by Tefik Rustu Aras, Turkish foreign minister, was considered very important.

Fernand de Brinon, friend of M. Laval, wrote in the newspaper L'In-formation that Turkey's "price for complete co-operation is not only abolition of the freedom of the straits under the treaty of Lausanne, but eventually the return of Rhodes to Turkey or a special regime for that island."

Rhodes, de Brinon added, "is important for control of the Ottoman coast." The island has been under Italian sovereignty since 1923.

(The Dardanelles, famous since Xerxes' army crossed on a bridge of boats to enter Europe in 480 B. C., with the more easterly Bosporus Straits provided the first gateway between Europe and Asia. About 40 miles long and from one to four miles wide, the narrow Dardanelles passage unites the Sea of Marmora and the Aegean sea. Rhodes lies in the latter.

Under the treaty of Lausanne the Dardanelles and Bosporus regions were demilitarized. Prior to the World war, under a treaty with the great powers, Turkey could bar the passage of any non-Turkish ship. Its military and naval importance was proved conclusively in 1915 when the Allies attempted, with complete failure, to force the Dardanelles.)

There was a feeling in official circles that France would not be inclined to support the fortification request because it would, necessarily, involve treaty revision.

than 50 per cent in about two months. The subsequent decline, approximately 20 per cent, was attributed to the feeling among world speculators that the U. S. Treasury might not immediately carry out the congressional mandate to establish a 25-75 ratio between silver and gold in the nation's monetary stocks.

Tobacco prices displayed relative stability at a substantially higher level than the 1934 average. Exports for the first nine months were 24 per cent under the preceding year.

Steel scrap prices closed the year at a five-year peak.

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## Stanford, S. M. U. Closely Matched

**Here Is a Comparison of Their Performances Against U. C. L. A.**

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif.—(AP)—Matching of Stanford and Southern Methodist for New Year's Day offers an opportunity unusual to Rose Bowl competition—a chance to compare the teams on the basis of performance against a common enemy.

Their common opponent was the University of California at Los Angeles. U. C. L. A. put the only blot on Stanford's record this season with a 7-0 victory on October 12, but was in turn crushed by the Texas aerial circus, 21-0 on November 17.

Simple subtraction thus gives the Mustangs a 22-point over the Indians, but statistics of the two games show them much more closely matched.

In first downs Stanford holds a net edge of four. S. M. U. made 17 first downs against the Uclans to 16 for Tiny Thornhill's Indians, but on the other hand Stanford allowed only four while the Texan defense was cracked for seven.

Stanford "Out-Rushes" S. M. U. Yardage by rushing shows a similar lead of 42 yards for the westerners, who ran up 205 yards on the ground against U. C. L. A., three more than were gained in similar fashion by S. M. U. U. C. L. A., however, ran the ball 114 yards against the Texans and only 75 against Stanford.

It is in the passing game where Matty Bell's Methodists show the biggest edge. They completed 17 out of 29 aerials against U. C. L. A. for a total of 383 yards and lost four by interceptions. The more conservative eleven passes 17 times while losing to U. C. L. A. but completed only four for 48 yards. Three were intercepted.

No conclusive indications can be drawn on pass defense, for U. C. L. A. threw only two passes against the Indians, both incomplete. Its passing attack was also fruitless against S. M. U., although it tried hard. Of 18 passes, only three were completed for 30 yards and four were intercepted.

The Hydra, a fresh-water polyp, can function normally when turned inside out and is capable of swallowing an animal 50 times its own size.

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# Creator of Melody

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

**HORIZONTAL**

1. 9 Famous melody.  
2. 19th century melody.  
3. 14 Melting tool.  
4. 24 Slight tusk.  
5. 27 Carline.  
6. 27 Tune.  
7. 16 Networks.  
8. 19 Jolt.  
9. 21 Pinch score.  
10. 22 Being.  
11. 23 Job.  
12. 24 Distinctive theories.  
13. 25 To make a sweater.  
14. 26 Payment back.  
15. 27 Pronoun.  
16. 31 Preposition.  
17. 32 Angry.  
18. 33 Skillet.  
19. 34 1416.  
20. 35 Provision providers.  
21. 37 Half an em.  
22. 38 No.  
23. 40 Noise.

**VERTICAL**

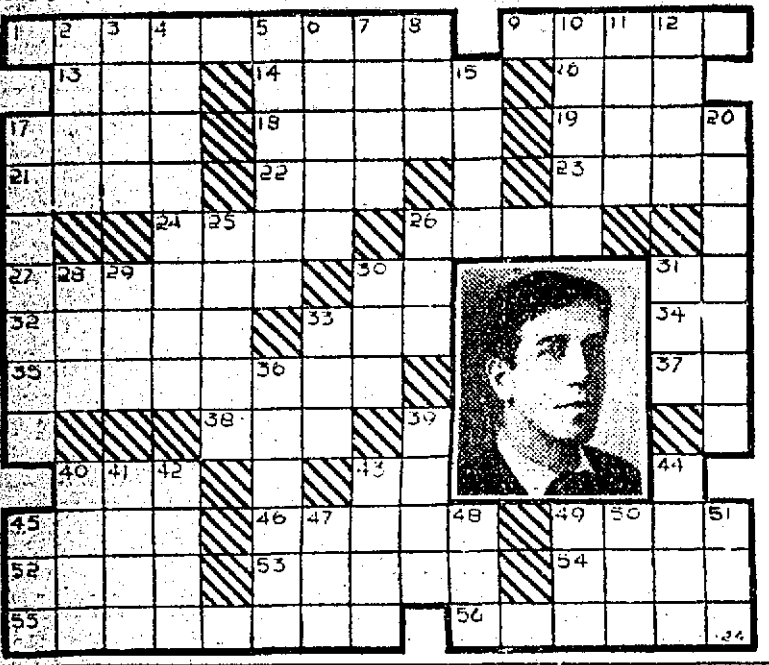
1. 11 Meat.  
2. 12 Heathen god.  
3. 15 Sea tale.  
4. 17 He was born in.  
5. 20 His songs have appeal.  
6. 25 Hard-hearted.  
7. 26 Insight.  
8. 28 Age.  
9. 29 Flying mammal.  
10. 30 Possesses.  
11. 31 Monkey.  
12. 32 To peep.  
13. 36 Artists' frames.  
14. 39 Girl.  
15. 40 Pliant bird.  
16. 41 Paraphrase.  
17. 42 Low tide.  
18. 43 Needy.  
19. 44 Single things.  
20. 45 Twitching.  
21. 46 Fish eggs.  
22. 48 Perched.  
23. 50 Native metal.  
24. 51 Gun.

**Across**

43 Father.  
45 To carry.  
46 Notched.  
49 He wrote the "The Rosary."  
52 Thought.  
53 Slack.  
54 Region.  
55 He was a fine pianist.

**Down**

56 Tardiest.  
57 Lacerated.  
58 To greet.  
59 To radiate.  
60 Galley war vessel.  
61 Makes smooth.  
62 Decay.  
63 Three.  
64 Fungus disease.



## Tokio

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gaston of Camden visited relatives here Sunday.

There are several with mumps in this part of the county.

Miss Kathryn Holt who is attending business college at Beaumont, Texas, arrived home Friday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dildy Porterfield who moved from here early in the fall to the Panhandle of Texas has returned here to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Huddleston are spending the holidays with relatives in Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McLarty Sunday.

L. S. Sanford was a business visitor to Nashville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holt visited in Nashville Friday night.

Miss Virginia Holt who is attending Henderson State Teachers college at Arkadelphia is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higgins of Hot Springs will arrive here Christmas to visit relatives.

J. H. Coker and Alvin Cooley were business visitors to Nashville Saturday.

A. N. Youngblood was a business visitor to Nashville Saturday.

Eli Woods was in Nashville Tuesday on business.

John R. Cooley was a business visitor to Highland Friday.

Miss Dee Holt who is teaching in the McCaskill schools will spend the holidays here with her parents.

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J. H. WHITE ET AL. Plaintiffs,

vs.

JESE C. COLLINS ET AL. Defendants.

The defendants Mrs. Cora Collins, Martha Ann Collins, Mrs. Johnnie Collins Mitchell, and Willie Mae Collins, are hereby warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, J. H. White et al., partners, doing business under the firm name of White & Company.

Witness my hand and seal as clerk of this court on this 3rd day of December, 1935.

DALE JONES Clerk.

(SEAL)

Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24.

**WARNING ORDER**

IN THE HEMPSTEAD CHANCERY COURT

MRS. JETT B. GRAVES. Plaintiff,

vs.

MRS. NANCY A. HULSEY et al. Defendants.

The defendant Mrs. Eliza Jane Clark is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Mrs. Jett B. Graves.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 12th day of November, 1935.

DALE JONES, Clerk.

By J. P. BYERS, D. C.

Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the books showing the assessments of Street Improvement District Number Three (3) Hope, Arkansas, as fixed by the assessors of said District, are now in my hands, subject to inspection by any person owning property within said District. This the 18th day of December 1935.

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FOR SALE—Horses and mules. See C. H. Sutton at Sutton and Hale Service Station, Hope, Ark.

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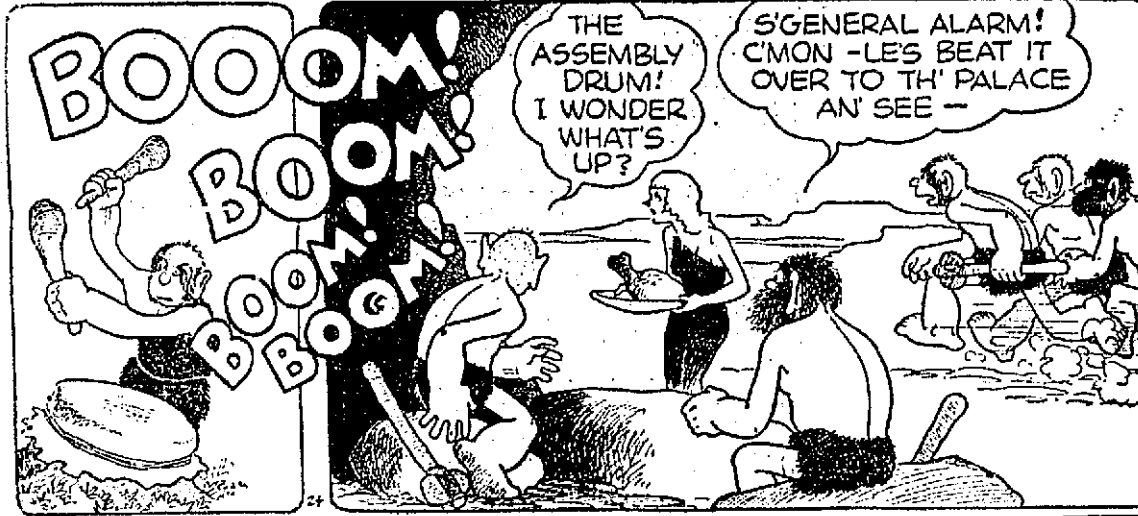
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